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Producing Said Workpieces

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the first office action, please amend the instant application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please substitute the attached amended paragraphs of pages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 for the corresponding paragraphs of the literal translation.

Please add the attached Abstract of the Disclosure to the specification.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 through 13 of the literal translation are cancelled.

Please add the attached new claims 14-29 to the specification.